



Morrow County Development Newsletter Annual Report 2013

Greetings!

The Morrow County Development, Zoning, and Planning Offices each gave a 2013 annual report to the Morrow County Commissioners on January 29th. This newsletter is a snapshot of the presentations given and is meant to inform you of 2013 progress and also the vision of these offices for 2014.

Sincerely,

Patricia Davies
Director of Operations

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Development Office has collaborative partnerships with:

MODE/Columbus 2020, Morrow County Economic Development Partners like Consolidated Electric, First Energy and Fishburn Services, Morrow County CIC and Strategy Committee members, Marketing Morrow and innovative Morrow County Business owners.

Highlights for 2013

Attraction of new businesses thru development strategies is working:

- most noteworthy progress in 2013, four different international or domestic companies visited Morrow County this year;
- additionally, a new Dollar General Store outside Village of Marengo;
- two new Asphalt plants by Shelly & Sands and Kenmore Construction at Bennington Industrial Park;
- Announcement from Ringler Energy about New Natural Gas Fueling Station at SR 61 & I71.

Business Retention & Expansion efforts resulted in 6 new projects:

- Ringler Energy commissioned the first Anaerobic Digester in Morrow County producing Alternative energy for the mega swine farm and selling energy back to the power grid;
- Marengo Fabricated Steel expansion

Building our Civic Infrastructure thru collaboration and innovation:

- I71 Third Lane nearing completion;
- \$1.4 million in Morrow County Airport improvements; Airport Master Plan Complete
- Study and Design of Public Sewer at SR 95 & I71 Area in progress;
- SR 61 & I71 rezone of Cardinal Center;
- planning for Bennington & Cardinal TIF's; completion of CR 26 paving and ditching improvements;
- EPA Superfund cleanup of HPM property;
- Moving Ohio Forward demolition of 7 blighted properties;
- approved rezone in Washington Township to assist Plungees in expanding into an industrial facility;
- collaborated with Connect Ohio to create and launch Technology Plan for Morrow County;
- Edited and publishing Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

I -71 Third Lane Expansion

- of 35K sf facility;
- new Ohio Health Hospital facility at SR 61 and Urgent Care at the Morrow County Hospital;
- Mid -Ohio Sports Car Course expanded with addition of Indy and NASCAR races;
- CYT granted Ohio Worker's Training grant and CYT creating two new production lines and hiring 100 more employees.

Business Progress thru Entrepreneurial efforts:

- Lubrication Specialties upgrading to old News Color Press building and is hiring 5 new employees;
- new ownership and reopening of the Shell Gas Station at SR 95 & I71;
- new owners for Marathon Fuel Station and addition of a Subway at SR 61 & I71;
- Premier Kennels opened on SR 61 South near I71;
- Two new restaurants include Boondocks in Fulton and Hatfield's in Mt. Gilead.



Thank you for your collaborative efforts and innovative spirit!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Development Office actively applied for and facilitated state and federal grants to assist Morrow County residents in 2013:

2013 Grants:

- Community Development Block Grant Formula (CDBG FY12) (Court House Elevator Renovations)
- Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP FY12)
- Moving Ohio Forward Grant (MOF)
- Economic Development RLF (ED RLF)
- Water and Sewer RLF
- Rural Septic RLF
- Home Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS)
- Wellness Grant
- SR 95/ I71Area Sewer
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

Grant Money Received in 2013

• CDBG FY 12	\$106,000
• CHIP FY12	\$500,000
• HSTS Grant	\$56,000
• MOF Grant	\$226,027
• ODOT J&C	\$120,000
• RLF	\$ 76,465
• CEBCO Wellness	\$8,920

TOTAL	\$1,093,412
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Grant Money Expended in 2013

• CDBG FY 12	\$106,000
• CHIP FY12	\$336,008
• HSTS Grant	\$43,080
• MOF Grant	\$61,556
• ODOT J&C	\$120,000
• RLF	\$100,361
• CEBCO Wellness	\$8,920

TOTAL =	\$775,925
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Accomplishments in 2013

- Completed CDBG FY12- Elevator is ADA Handicap Accessible
- Applied and received CDBG FY13 Allocation Grant
- Water and Sewer& Rural Septic Loans- 5
- HSTS Projects Complete- 6 septic systems replaced for low-income families*
- CHIP Home Repairs- 17 homes repaired (HR)
- CHIP Private Owner Rehab- 4 Homes Rehabilitated (POR)
- CHIP Tenant Based Rental Assistance -23 Homes assisted with rent and security deposits (TBRA)
- Fair Housing Rep.- Community Service Luncheons, HAC meetings, trainings
- Connect Ohio- MCO Technology plan created *
- 1st MCO Development Newsletter sent*
- Updated Development Website *
- NSP house with tenants

Goals for 2014

- Apply and Receive CDBG Allocation FY14
- Apply and Receive CDBG Critical Infrastructure
- Apply and Receive CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization grants.
- Complete CDBG FY13, WWTP back-up generator in Chesterville.
- Apply and Receive CHIP FY 14 grant.
- Apply and Receive New Horizons Fair Housing Grant
- Complete HSTS 2013
- Update Development Website
- Send Development Office Newsletters
- Sell NSP House
- Records Retention Schedule created
- Storage/ File Clean Up following Records Retention Schedule



New Elevator car now able to access the Morrow County Recorder and Probation offices.

ZONING AND PLANNING OFFICES

Zoning

Zoning Permit Activities Complete in 2013

- Accessory Buildings - 50
- Additions - 12
- Compliances - 86
- New Construction(s) - 21

Administrative

Procedures Activities

- Conditional Uses - 6
- House Numbers - 26
- Other - 12
- Variances - 9
- Zoning Amendments - 4

Fees Collected through Zoning

Permits:

- Accessory Buildings - \$4,984.20
- Additions - \$1651.05
- Compliances - \$3,750.00
- New Construction(s) - \$18,036.75

TOTAL = \$28,422.00

Fees Collected through

Administrative Procedures:

- Conditional Uses - \$900.00
- House Numbers - \$815.00
- Other - \$2477.35
- Variances - \$1,375.00
- Zoning Amendments - \$675.00

TOTAL = \$6,242.35

Expenses:

- Medicare - \$122.39
- Salary - \$8,441.55
- Office Supplies - \$335.11
- Advertising - \$958.50
- Vehicle Maintenance - \$22.63
- Contracts - \$0
- Space & Service - \$4,375.63
- Subcontractor - \$12,534.60
- Legal Services - \$462.50
- Other Expenses - \$275.00

Planning

Lot Splits in 2013

- 35 Agricultural Use Lot splits
- 1 commercial lot split
- 38 residential lot splits
- 6 other use lot splits
- 80 total

Income

- Lot Spits- \$20,000
- Grant admin- \$1,941.55

Expenses

- Medicare
- Salary
- PERS
- Workers Comp
- Supplies
- Travel
- Space & Service Allocation
- GIS Contract
- Legal Fees
- Other Expenses
- Total \$20,285.44

Accomplishments

Map Creation

Moving Ohio Forward Grant

- 7 properties demolished, 5 more in contract
- \$60,000 expended from \$227K award
- 2000+ old tires cleaned up from one property
- Good communication between county and townships to get properties cleaned up

Goals

- Create online Fillable PDF forms for Planning and Zoning

- PERS - \$1,181.82
- Workers Comp - \$201.25
- Transportation Fuel - \$614.23
- Insurance - \$0
- Office Equipment - \$1,995.11
- Membership & Education - \$0

Grand Expenses Total= \$31,520.32

Accomplishments

- Collected fees of old Compliances from 2011
- Updated Copies of the Morrow County Zoning Resolution for the BZA and the Zoning Commission
- Completed the Sunshine Law Training regarding Ohio Public Records and Open Meeting laws
- Organized all files in the office
- Researched, Identified Parcels, and Collected fees from owners of properties for which the Auditor's office had no record of a zoning permit for buildings discovered through reappraisals
- Zoning Office is now mobile

Goals for 2014

- Implement fillable zoning forms and provide them online
- Convert historical files to electronic format
- Help rebuild the Zoning Website
- Maintain Compliance Inspections on schedule
- Provide an updated Retention Schedule
- Discuss charging a fee for Lot Splits to earn Zoning more revenue, especially during winter months
- Identify and provide additional services to become a full time Zoning Employee

- Gain grant application and administration training and experience
- Attend advance floodplain training and work toward Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) Certification
- Create detailed House Numbering Policies document

Moving Ohio Forward Demolition Grant Before



After Cleanup



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We are proud of all that was accomplished in 2013 and we look forward to a great 2014. If there is any way we can assist you please let us know.

Sincerely,

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